

# Hundreds of Houses Unroofed; 10,000 Trees Are Damaged

## FOUR DEATHS IS STORM'S TOLL

### DEBRIS OF WHITE HOUSE TREES.



—Photo by Fred A. Scholz.

This is the night which greeted President Wilson.

and Pennsylvania Avenue. He caught hold of a lamp post and clung to it until the wind abated. A short time thereafter a horse was blown from its feet and lay kicking upon the pavement, unable to rise. The animal's driver unhitched it and assisted it to rise. Many drivers abandoned their teams. A small electric runabout which was abandoned in the park to the south of the Treasury Building, was overturned.

The residence of Senator Reed of Missouri was unroofed, and the Senator and his family spent last night at a hotel. The roof of the administration building of the Department of Agriculture was blown off, and a hundred or more clerks sought safety in the basement. A thousand square feet of the copper roof of the Pension Office Building was ripped away by the wind. Valuable records at the Pension Office were damaged.

The White House grounds practically were devastated by the windstorm. Numbers of the grand, old trees which had been planted in recent years and hence were not as firmly rooted as those of natural growth fell as easy prey. They were torn up by the roots. The flag which flew above the White House when the President is here was blown down. The cellars were flooded.

The grounds to the front of the White House had the appearance of an uprooted jungle after the storm had spent itself. The giant trees lay across the paths, their branches intertwining. In the spaces between there were scores of limbs, measuring from a foot to an inch in diameter. Twigs littered the entire lawn. The walls of the White House were spotted on every side by leaves which had been slapped against them by the wind.

**President Views Wreckage.**  
The President remarked, after the storm, when he went to the White House veranda to view the wreckage: "It is a sad, sad sight."

The President remained in his office throughout the storm, in conference with Representative Korbly of Indiana on the currency bill. Secretary Tamm took the precaution to urge the President to move away from the window near his desk, and the President complied. The pressure of the wind was so heavy against a window on the opposite end of the building that the glass was broken. The entire telephone system was temporarily disabled, but was soon put into commission after the storm was over. A connection was established through the private wire to the Postoffice Department.

It was regarded as an odd circumstance that in Lafayette Park, across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House, little damage was done to the trees and shrubbery by the wind. A colored man was killed by a mass of falling lumber at the American League baseball park.

## Many Roofs Blown Off And Windows Smashed In All Parts of City

Hundreds of business houses and private residences were badly damaged by the storm. Some roofs were lifted off and carried fifty feet or more. In the business district scores of expensive plate-glass windows were broken by the force of the wind, and in the residential section windows that were smashed are too numerous to be counted.

Street after street in the residential part of the city presented a picture of destruction, windows being blown out and the fronts of the houses literally plastered with ragged particles of leaves that were whipped from the trees and stuck to the bricks and boards. The following gives an idea of the damage wrought by the storm:

**Roof Blown 100 Feet.**  
A roof of a house at 1204 I Street Northwest was blown off, landing in the street fifty feet away.

The front veranda at 915 Fourteenth Street was ripped away from the house, while practically every window pane at 85, the adjoining house, was blown out.

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An elevator in a building now under construction in the Rittmore Street Northwest, was blown down, injuring Joseph Johnson, colored, of 940 R Street Northwest. He was hurt about the back, and sent to Emergency Hospital.

A chimney at 815 K Street Northwest was blown down, the scattering bricks narrowly missing a colored man in the street and killing his dog following a few feet behind.

Two plate glass windows at 1309-11 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, valued at several hundred dollars, were blown out, crashing into mits when they hit the sidewalk.

The roof of Garfinkle's store at Thirtieth and F Streets Northwest was blown off, and also the roof of the Globe Wrenn Company, 121 F Street.

A large plate glass window at Brennan's, Twelfth and F Streets Northwest, was blown out, and at W. B. Moes & Son's, at Eleventh and F Streets Northwest, two plate glass windows gave way during the storm.

A house at 211 A Street Southwest, occupied by William Peacock, was damaged to the extent of \$500 when it was struck by lightning. The roof was completely torn off. Peacock and his family were slightly dazed by the shock, but uninjured.

**Damage at National Theater.**  
Part of the roof of the National Theater was blown off, and at the Jacobson tailor shop, next door, a large plate glass window was shattered.

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down was shattered. A large plate glass window at the Red Star Steamship office, at 1206 F Street Northwest, also was smashed.

Tin roofs at 538 Thirteenth Street Northwest and on building in the alley at the rear of 1218 F Street Northwest were torn off by the storm.

The roof of Calvary Baptist Church was torn off.

About \$200 damage was done to the building occupied by the Sprucebanks drug store, at Second and Pennsylvania Avenue Southwest.

A house on V Street, between Ninth and Tenth Streets Northwest, was blown down, although none of the occupants was injured. They rushed from the house a few moments before the crash came.

The roofs of a row of nine houses in V Street, in the same square where one house was wrecked, were blown off.

One of the delivery wagons of the Julius Garfinkle Company was blown over at Second and East Capitol Streets.

The storm picked off the roof of a house at 515 F Street Northwest and blew it completely across the street, narrowly missing a street car, which was stalled in the street at that point.

Roofs at 1235 and 1235 Seventh Street Northwest, were picked up by the wind and dropped into the street. The storm also blew away part of the brickwork under the roof.

The roof covering the rear part of the house of J. M. McCauley at 513 University Place Northwest, was torn off and carried completely over the building, falling on the pavement in front of the structure. The house is a new one.

**Building Is Flooded.**  
The buildings of the Department of Agriculture suffered heavily. The entire roof of the old building was torn off, and many windows were smashed by the strong wind. Practically the entire east wing was flooded, and the library in particular was badly damaged by rain.

Several windows in the mansion of Mrs. Marshall Field at Euclid Street and the Avenue of the Presidents were blown in, and the parlor was flooded.

Many of the streets in the northwest section of the city were completely blocked by fallen trees and broken limbs. Some vehicles were caught during the storm on blocks where trees were uprooted, causing them to be penned in for several hours. District "white wings" worked until dark clearing away as much of the debris as the limited time would permit.

Many windows were blown in at O Street Market, at the old coffee establishment of Somerset Waters on the southwest corner of Seventh and O Streets, and at the colored armory hall on O Street, between Eleventh and Thirteenth Streets. Many of the windows looked as if they had been riddled with rifle bullets.

The big plate glass windows of the post office at the southwest corner of Seventh Street and Rhode Island Avenue Northwest were blown in and the establishment was flooded with water, several pianos being damaged.

**Chairs Lifted High Around the Capitol**  
Chairs in readiness for a band concert in front of the Capitol were blown into the air and circled around the Capitol.

Lightning struck the house of Philip Bruce at Alinger Avenue and Garfield Street Northwest, passed through three rooms and broke looking glasses in each room. The house was only slightly damaged. Maggie Hebrun, who was in the house, received a slight shock.

A sign of the National Electrical Supply Company was blown from its frame. The frame remained, but the sign was lost.

The tip of the steeple at Calvary Baptist Church was blown off into the street.

**Injured By Runaways.**  
Harry Tittler, forty years old, of 1321 North Capitol Street, was injured about the head and legs when he was run over by a two-horse team he had been holding. Tittler, who was standing at T and Second Streets Northwest, stopped the horses, which were attached to a heavy wagon. Crazed by the storm they hid their heads under the harness and ran over him. He was sent to his home in the automobile of the Tenth precinct.

This was one of many runaways. Houses were terrified by the wind and thunder and lightning. Several of them ran wild down Pennsylvania Avenue. The police received probably twenty reports last night of horses that had started.

Shingles covering the roof of the Southern Railway Building were blown off. The roof was stripped bare.

The building of the Globe Printing Company, at Fourteenth and D Streets Northwest, was shorn off its roof. Water flooded the fourth story of the building.

Automobiles were blown, riderless, through the streets. Several were found derelict in Pennsylvania Avenue, their engines powerless because of water. One automobile was blown across the car tracks at Fourteenth and G Streets Northwest. The motorman of a west-bound car sounded the gong of his car, thinking that the driver of the machine was unaware that he was blocking traffic. It was found the car was unoccupied. In spite of its brakes it had been blown half a block.

**Flapjacks Are Twisted.**  
Flapjacks were blown off or twisted on nearly all downtown buildings of more than four stories.

The front of the house at 100 K Street Northwest was blown out.

A horse was drowned in the middle of the street at New Jersey Avenue and Warren Street Northwest.

The subway by which residents of Takoma Park cross from the railroad station to the city was flooded with eight feet of water. Electric lights in Takoma Park, Md., have not yet been put into working order. Telephones in the suburbs are out of service. Six trees struck by lightning were stripped of their leaves and bark.

A party of engineers, army officers, and laborers working on a United States road at the Zoological Park took refuge from the storm under a bridge. They were joined by birds, beasts, and by water snakes, many of them poisonous.

Pets in all sections of the city sought

refuge in the storm. Police reported many cats drowned.

A hundred red lanterns were ordered by Maj. Sylvester, to supplement the thousands already on hand, to be used to show where trees have been blown across streets. Automobileists have been warned to drive slowly. In many streets traffic is impossible.

**Revived with Hallstones.**  
Hallstones were used to revive women who fainted during the storm in a street car at Florida Avenue and a 1/4 Fourth Street Northwest. The current of the cars was stopped by the wind at the various points. Officials of the street car company were unable last night to estimate the probable damage.

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The sanatorium, a Seventh-day Adventist institution at Takoma Park, maintains the dispensary at 47 Four-and-a-half Street Southwest, where Dr. Haysman is in charge. He recently has been assisted by Robinson and Cluff. Robinson soon will depart for missionary work in Africa, and Cluff will do the same in Bolivia. Robinson and Cluff were unable to leave their beds last night, but Dr. Haysman was not in such a serious condition.

**Windows Hit Hard.**  
Four plate glass windows in a store at 304 Seventh Street Southwest were smashed.

A portion of the roof of St. Dominic's School, Sixth and P Streets Northwest, was blown off, being carried more than 100 feet, landing in an adjoining lot.

The grocery store of Adam Lubner, of 101 C Street Southwest, was struck by lightning and damaged to the extent of \$500.

The automobile of Morris Hacher, standing in front of the District Building, was blown across the street, colliding with an automobile owned and operated by George C. Heller, of 1500 Brentwood Road Northwest, which was on the other side of the street. The steering gear of Heller's machine was broken in the crash.

**Cut by Flying Slate.**  
Slate shingles, blown into the street from the roof of Temple Baptist Church, at Tenth and N Streets Northwest, narrowly missed pedestrians. Clothing of several persons was cut by flying slate.

A Ford automobile standing at Tenth and N Streets Northwest was thrown upon the sidewalk and over a horse-drawn wagon, which struck the automobile during its flight.

There was a small rainstorm of vegetables and soup when a horse-drawn wagon was blown from a truck into the street near Tenth and N Streets Northwest. Cases of the tinmed goods were blown off, the boxes broken and the cans split open.

Occupants of a residence at Twelfth and I Streets Northwest were forced to take refuge in another house when the roof blew from the building and water flooded the entire house.

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**Windows Broken, 5,000.**  
A conservative estimate made by the police last night fixes the number of small window panes broken by the hailstones which fell during the storm at 5,000.

The business district, especially the lower part of Pennsylvania Avenue, between Fourth and Tenth Streets, and the Peace Monument, suffered the greatest damage in this respect.

Some of the hailstones were the size of pigeon eggs, and smashed window panes with the certainty and swiftness of a pistol ball.

"Chinatown," along the Avenue, between Sixth Street and John Marshall Place, was hit hard by the bombardment of hailstones. More than 100 "Chicks," frightened almost to death by the storm, gathered in the rear of their haunts. While the storm passed over, they scrambled to the street and seemed to take their anger out on the weather man by evidencing their displeasure at the damage done their homes and business places.

**Church Tower Smashed.**  
The tower of the Ninth Street Christian church was smashed, bricks being hurled for many feet. The roof of the church, however, was not damaged.

The Roosevelt Plaza, in F Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets Northwest, was badly damaged, the roof being blown off and hurled into the street fifty feet away.

those at 1250 I Street Northeast, 25 C Street Northeast, 312 East Capitol Street, 310 C Street Northeast, 1120 East Capitol Street, 321 and 324 Four-and-a-half Street Southwest, 100 and 120 Four-and-a-half Street Southwest, 65 F Street Southwest, 25, 3, and 53 L Street Southwest, four houses in Stafford Court Southwest, and 204 and 206 Virginia Avenue.

**STREET CARS DELAYED.**  
City's Railway System Completely Blocked During Storm.

The entire street railway system of the city was thrown out of commission during the period that the storm raged. Every line, without single exception, was crippled. Some of the cars were tied up for thirty minutes, and still others were out of operation for as long as an hour and a half.

Officials of the Washington Railway and Electric Company said last night that the property of the corporation was not damaged to any great extent. Wind damage was done to a few of the cars, and a number of windows in the north wall of the car barn, at Four-and-a-half Street Southwest, were shattered by the high wind. The Rockville car line was the last one to get into running order following the storm.

The cars of the Capital Traction Company likewise were out of commission for about the same period. Some damage was done by the wind at the various points. Officials of the company were unable last night to estimate the probable damage.

**HEROIC RESCUE MADE IN RIVER**  
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stand until I reached the lee of the building for fear the gale would sweep me away. I have seen hurricanes in the Indies and I have seen wind that traveled 200 miles an hour. I know the wind was sweeping across that point of land at that point at the rate of 100 miles an hour.

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**GIRLS ARE HYSTERICAL; WIND SCATTERS \$1,000**  
Scenes of Excitement at Bureau of Engraving and Printing While Storm Is at Its Height.

John Rhodes, a plate printer, was cut by flying glass. 100 girls were made hysterical, ten persons were slightly injured, and \$1,000 in bills were blown from a window during the storm, at the building of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Rhodes was taken to Providence Hospital, where his scalp was found to be lacerated badly. The ten persons slightly injured were treated at the building, and resumed work after the storm. The girls, who for a time could not be controlled, finally were quieted.

A squall of wind that formed a whirlwind in one of the rooms carried with it through a window \$1,000 in paper money. Employees were sent out to the Monument grounds to search for it. They found the bills scattered widely over the grass. The recovered all but \$70 of the money.

**Refused to Accept Resignation.**  
Chicago, July 30.—By a vote of 13 to 1, the board of education this afternoon refused to accept the resignation of Elias Flagg Young as superintendent of Chicago schools.

**Jacob E. Ward Dies.**  
New York, July 30.—Jacob Ewing Ward, sixty-one, vice president of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, and a brother of the late Dr. Leslie D. Ward, died in Roosevelt Hospital today.

**TODAY'S SELECTIONS.**  
By New York Telegraph.

**Belmont Park.**  
First race—Robert Oliver, Gallop, Water Lady.  
Second race—Ella Bryson, Deduction, Yenghe.  
Third race—Kalinka, War Horn, Water Lily.  
Fourth race—Punch Bowl, Stake and Caps, Mater.  
Fifth race—Spring Board, Ocean Blue, Besom.  
Sixth race—Pharos, Sontor, Chopin.

**Hamilton.**  
First race—Cryslawoga, Mausoba, Puritan Lass.  
Second race—Patty Regan, Lenzie D. The Idol.  
Third race—Chilton King, Rosemary, Burning Daylight.  
Fourth race—Flora Fina, Barnegat, Cousin Puss.  
Fifth race—My Genie, Gemmet, Chrysalis.  
Sixth race—Zodiac, Vellichen, Nancy Orme.  
Seventh race—Bedwell entry, Blackford, Marjorie A.

William Moore, of East St. Louis, thinks he's going to die soon, so he has bought himself a new coat.

**WIND AND RAIN 'SWEEP POTOMAC'**  
Storm Damages Property Along River Front—Boats Adrift, Launches Sunk.

**WRECKAGE LINES SHORE**  
Excursion Steamer Blown Ashore Near River View—Loss of Life Averted. Wild Rumors Circulated.

Great havoc was wrought along the river front. Launches were sunk, vessels were carried from their moorings, and masts were blown away. Many thrilling rescues were accomplished, the most spectacular of which probably was the saving from drowning of three young men by Max Bergeron, a young messenger at the War College.

After the storm the shore literally was lined with the wreckage of scores of small row boats and motor launches that had broken from their moorings and had been dashed against the wall. The damage to the craft will reach \$100,000.

**Warner Blows Ashore.**  
With 60 people on board, the new Baltimore steamer Charles H. Warner, which has for the last three weeks been doing excursion duty on the Potomac between Washington and River View, was washed around near River View during the storm.

The passengers were safely taken off last night by the St. Johns. The Warner, which had been battered from the storm, did not appear a leak, and with high tide it is expected that she will be floated.

Many wild rumors were circulated, some having it that the boat was sinking. The steamer Charles Macalister, crowded with passengers from Marshall Hall and Mount Vernon, assured members of the Harbor police precinct that the Warner was safe, with the St. Johns standing by.

The government officials at Fort Washington, realizing the danger of those aboard the steamer, rushed the government tug Gen. Robert Swartout to their assistance, and within a comparatively short time all of the passengers aboard the boat not landed by the St. Johns were safely landed at River View.

The launch Edna Earle, belonging to Harry Fleischman, and the launch Ultra, belonging to Frank East, were both sunk. The pile driver owned by Thomas Banks was torn loose and was driven by the wind against the Potomac Park dam. A school boat was blown out into the river. Part of the smoke stack of the steamer Capital City was carried away.

**Launch Freeland Damaged.**  
The top mast of the launch Freeland, owned by Charles P. Kornelius, was blown down. The only bouthouse along the river front that did not suffer from the storm was Gregory's at the foot of N Street.

The Dakota, owned by Ralph Galt, was stripped of her awning and rigging. The launch Cloelia, owned by Gus W. Forberg, dragged her anchor and was carried against the seawall. The launch Nomad, from McKeessport, Md., owned by E. A. Smith, was stripped of her awning.

Capt. James H. Beach, of the steamer Volunteer of the Chesapeake and Potomac Steamboat Company, reported last night that many boats were sunk off the Eastern Beach. A schooner was sunk off Razor Beach. The old colored resort, the five-masted schooner Orlando V. Wooten, from Seaford, Me., with a cargo of lumber aboard her, assigned to Johnson E. Wimsat, of this city, was blown from her moorings at the foot of Ninth Street.

The Margaret D., owned by Hugh Duffy, a local patent attorney, had her rigging torn away. Many launches in the Eastern Beach were dragged from their moorings, but the damage was not so great as along the river proper.

Lieut. Dean and Sergt. John E. Preston, of the Harbor Precinct, were on the river aboard the Vigilant during the storm. They worked hard trying to save launches and minimize the marine loss.

The crew of the tugboat Edith Godwin Winslow, belonging to the Consolidation Coal Company, was forced to abandon the ship during the height of the storm yesterday afternoon, and swim to the shore 200 yards away.

**Blown Out of Water.**  
The little boat was almost lifted from the water by the wind, being blown to the edge of the river channel near the naval powder magazine, where it quickly sank.

Aboard were Thomas J. Selectman, captain; Sam Miller, fireman; Upsur Doleman, cook, and Louis Carter, engineer. The police boat Maj. Sylvester answered the distress whistle of the tug, but before it reached the scene the little boat went down. It was then learned that the crew had abandoned it in time to save their lives.

The steamer Charles Macalister was on her way to Mount Vernon and Marshall Hall when the storm broke. Although her decks were swept by wind and rain and pelted by the driving hail, no damage was done. Many of the women and children became frightened, but there were no casualties. The steamer continued on her trip without loss of time.

One thirty-two-foot launch, whose owner was not learned last night, was sunk on the upper river front. It was recovered and taken to the Virginia shore.

Policeman Lipscomb, of the Seventh precinct, was sent in his launch to confirm a rumor that five persons had been drowned when their canoes overturned. It was found that no one was missing, and that while several boats had been blown from their moorings there were no fatalities. Several campers had narrow escapes when trees on the Virginia shore were struck by lightning.

**MANY FACULTY CHANGES.**  
Annual Shifts in Jesuit Institutions. Affect Gonzaga College.

Changes effective today in Gonzaga College were announced last night. These changes, which are made yearly in Jesuit institutions, will affect Catholic colleges generally.

The Rev. Father McDonald will remain as rector of the college. Father David Roche will be retained as minister.

The Rev. Father Geale will be vice president. He will be assisted by the Rev. Father Virgil O'Connell and by Frederick Boehm.

Assistants in the church for the next year will be Father Noonan, Father Pittard, Father James Maguire, Father John Mulligan and Father Lancaster.

Among those in the college will be John Dixon, I. McCarthy, Edward Morand, and Martin Schmitt.

Some of those who have been affected by the changes from Gonzaga College are:

Father Mullaly, to Tertiarius Novitiate at St. Andrew-on-Hudson; Mr. Cummings and Mr. McCleskey, who will go to the

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